(c) whether the Government have implemented the suggestions made by the said Committee for efficient performance by the Cement Industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. C. Visvesvaraya, Chairman and Director General, National Council for Cement & Building Materials to enquire into the state of affairs of Cement Corporation of India Ltd. and not for going into the problems faced by the Cement Industry as a whole.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Koel Karo Hydro-Electric Project

90. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been inordinate delay in the implementation of the Koel Karo Hydro-Electric Project in South Bihar;

(b) what was the original estimate of the Koel Karo Hydro-electric project and when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) what will be the cost over-run in the implementation of the project due to the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Work on Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project is held up due to the resistance of the local people to the acquisition of land. Some land owners have also filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court where the matter is *sub-judice*.

(b) The original approved cost estimate of the project at March, 1980 price level was Rs. 391.83 crores excluding Interest During Construction (IDC) amounting to Rs. 48.08 crores. The project can be completed in a period of 8 years after the land required for construction of project works is made available to the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation.

(c) The revised cost estimates prepared by the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation at December, 1986 price level amount to Rs. 929.53 crores (net) excluding Interest During Construction of Rs. 185.78 crores. This cost is considered rather high by the Central Electricity Authority. Central Electricity Authority have, therefore, suggested to the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation to examine the possibilities of reducing the cost by reviewing the scope of works, general lay-out and the installed capacity of the project. National Hydro-electric Power Corporation have, accordingly, undertaken this review.

Pending power projects of A.P.

91. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pending power projects in Andhra Pradesh which are lying with the Central Government for approval so far;

(b) by when the above pending projects are likely to be cleared and what are the reasons for the delay in clearing the projects;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is a shortage of electricity in Andhra Pradesh and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to get over this shortage of electricity?